





# Ananias and the Armada

By CLARISSA MACKIE.

Captain Barnabas Pike knocked his fist against the glass railing and proceeded to yell it with elaborate eloquence.

"Let us see," he mused, "where did we leave off? Just as if he did not remember!"

"You said the fleet of war vessels put you in mind of the time you almost saw the Spanish armada," I reminded him somewhat accusingly.

He chuckled softly. "Well, as I was saying, it happened Ananias—"

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off the Avenue here in 1894, and he must of seen the best position now of which I intended to do it. I don't think you ever took in Ananias' stories, did you?"

"Will you tell me about your treasure hunt case, captain?" I interrupted.

"Of course I will," he answered readily. "When I was young, Miss Teal, I had an interest in treasure hunting. When Ananias had stopped talking, I had heard about the treasure, and I had intended to go after it. I had a great idea, that I would get up a couple of big water but and put a couple of port lights in the sides and get 800 pounds of cash up in the bottom. Then it was his scheme for me to get into the boat and he had headed up. All hands would rig a line on it and have me overboard, and down, down I would drop till, with one eye at the portlight, I'd fight those boxes of old treasure ships in the sand of the coast bed."

"What then?" I asked Ananias as I got up and edged around him. "What did I do then?"

"His little blue eyes stared fixedly at me—'That's what Ananias was like, a small, stout, and his hands were damp like a dead fish' and he edged out."

"What then, Ananias? What shall I do when I get down there and see all the treasure?"

"You can signal and you'll put me in, sir," he said solemnly, still staring at me. "Then I'll take the form of a company and come back and get the stuff."

"I suppose we could make a challenge where I come up again," I suggested.

"Yes, sir, I was thinking of that."

"How about it, Ananias? It would put me into the water but, and I wouldn't be alive when I got down there."

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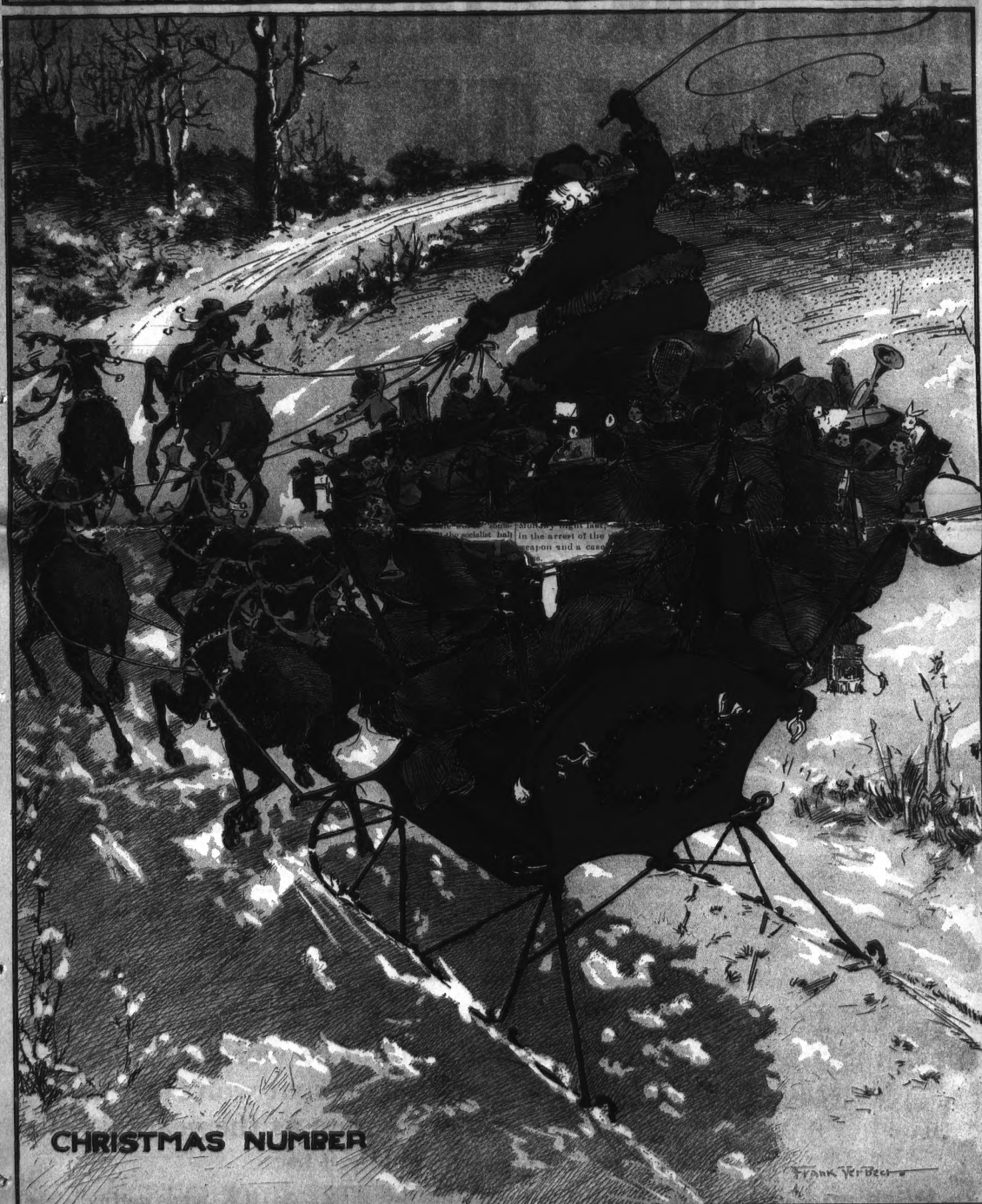




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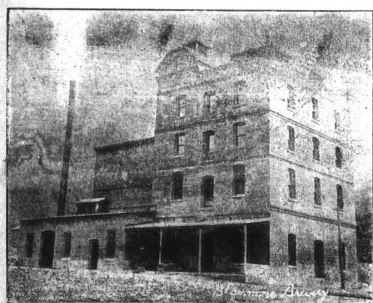
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